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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for performing identifying heterologous DNA, which causes, on its expression, an electrophysiological measurements change in a cell comprising the steps of:

- (i) providing a substrate for making the electrophysiological measurements upon which at least one cell can be arranged;
- (ii) providing a plurality of cells, each cell comprising a different heterologous DNA sequence, derived from said DNA sequence being a member of a DNA library, wherein each cell expresses the heterologous DNA sequence it comprises:
- (iii) arranging the plurality of cells provided in step (ii) on the substrate to permit detection and/or measurement of a change (in comparison to a control cell) in the electrophysiology of each cell, said change being a result of expression of the heterologous DNA sequence, and
- (iv) identifying at least one cell of interest, which shows at least one phenotypic change <u>a</u> change in its electrophysiology as measured in step (iii), characterized in that, the method comprises the further steps of:

isolating the cell of interest, and/or genetic material therefrom; and isolating mRNA from the cell of interest identified showing a change in its electrophysiology as measured in step (iii).

- 2. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the method further comprises the step of sequencing the genetic material.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the method further comprises the step of storing or recording the sequence information on an information carrier.
 - 4. 6. (Cancelled)

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7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the DNA library is a cDNA library.

- 8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the change in the electrophysiology of the cell is detected and/or measured by patch clamping.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the cell is treated with a test agent before step (iii).
- 10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the test agent is selected from at least one of the following: small organic molecules, small peptides, neurotransmitters, hormones and cytokines.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the cell is an animal cell.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the animal cell is selected from: Human Embryonic Kidney 293 (HEK293), Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO), COS, MDCK, NG108, NIH3T3 or T84.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the cells are arranged at spaced-apart locations in or on the substrate.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein said information carrier is a computer disk.